

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

MORRIS COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND REVIEW BOARD

**Via Webex: <https://morriscountynj.webex.com/meet/rchang>
July 27, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chairwoman Galate.

Members present:

Gary DeBiasse, Preservation Architecture
Edward Engelbart, At-Large
Lawrence Fast, Morris County Heritage Commission
Nita Galate, Region II
Ann Granbery, Historic Landscape Specialist
Martin Kane, At-Large
Bethany Russo, Architectural History
Monica Scozzafava, Region III
John Solu, Building Restoration
Eileen Stokes, Region I
Martha Wells, Region IV

Also attending:

Joe Barilla, County Planning Director
John Napolitano, County Counsel
William Johnson, Special Counsel
Barbara Murray, Open Space Program Coordinator
Ray Chang, Historic Preservation Program Coordinator

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT

Chairwoman Galate stated that adequate notice of this meeting in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act has been provided and filed with the Morris County Clerk, the Daily Record and the Star Ledger.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

PROPOSED RULES ON TERMINATION OF EASEMENT

Mr. Chang advised that the draft rules apply to the entire HP program, and are not specific to any particular grant project. However, if adopted by the Freeholders, they would be applicable to Harding Township, which is applying to Green Acres for disposal of a portion of the Glen Alpin property (including the mansion). The Board reviewed the draft rules and the comments/feedback regarding these rules from NJ Historic Preservation Office.

Regarding the proposed requirement #10 (of 12 requirements), the Board agreed that it could work with the applicant and staff to arrive at a “reasonable compensation” to be recommended to

the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Mr. Napolitano advised that the NJ DEP is looking to the County for a model of regulations relating to the termination of historic preservation easement, and that these rules can be refined as time goes on.

Mr. Chang advised that requirement #8 would be revised with the addition of the citation for the New Jersey Register of Historic Places Act.

On motion by member Engelbart, seconded by member Stokes, the Board voted to recommend to the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders the adoption of the proposed rules on the Termination of Easement on Preserved Historic Properties with the revision on requirement #8.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

There were no questions / comments from the public.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is on Wednesday, September 23, 2020, at the Office of Planning & Preservation, 30 Schuyler Place, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Schuyler Annex Building, in Morristown, New Jersey, starting at 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by member Solu, seconded by member DeBiassi, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 PM with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Chang, P.P.
Historic Preservation Program Coordinator